



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: September 28, 2004

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Creeks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND GRANT APPLICATION

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt, by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara approving the application for \$200,000 in grant funds for the fiscal year 2005 Local Agency Grant Program of the Habitat Conservation Fund Program of the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990 for the Arroyo Burro Estuary Restoration Project.

DISCUSSION:

The Department of Parks and Recreation of the California Resources Agency administers the Habitat Conservation Fund Grant Program of the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990. The Habitat Conservation Fund Grant Program provides funds to local governments for the acquisition, enhancement and restoration of deer and lion habitat, wildlife corridors and urban trails, wetlands, riparian habitat, habitat for rare and endangered, threatened or fully protected species, and aquatic habitat for spawning and rearing of anadromous salmonids and trout resources.

The Creeks Division in the Parks and Recreation Department is preparing an application for grant funds for the Arroyo Burro Estuary Restoration Project. The State of California Grant Program procedures and criteria require that the governing body for the jurisdiction in which the project is proposed adopt a resolution approving the application for grant funds. The deadline for submittal of the grant application is October 1, 2004.

The Arroyo Burro Estuary Restoration Project has five major objectives. These include: 1) expansion of the estuary through the removal of concrete riprap, 2) reconstruction of Mesa Creek with the removal of a 300 foot concrete culvert, 3) restoration of riparian habitat with the removal of non-native plants and replacement with native plants, 4) fish passage improvements under the Cliff Drive Bridge, and 5) construction of a trail and footbridge to improve pedestrian access between the Arroyo Burro County Beach Park and the Douglas Family Preserve.

REVIEWED BY: _____ Finance _____ Attorney

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Final design plans are currently being prepared for the project and the Creeks Division has submitted permit applications to the Coastal Commission, California Department of Fish and Game, Regional Water Quality Control Board, California Department of Transportation and the United States Army Corps of Engineers. Once project funding is secured, it is anticipated that the project could go out to bid in early 2005 and construction could begin in July 2005.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

The Creeks Division is requesting \$200,000 from the Habitat Conservation Fund Grant Program. The program requires that the local agency provide a 50 percent match. The estimated cost for final design and construction of the restoration project is \$960,000. Current appropriations for the project include \$291,000 of Measure B funds and \$275,500 of State Coastal Conservancy funds. The current estimated funding shortfall for the project is \$393,500. However, in addition to the Habitat Conservation Fund grant application, the Creeks Division is also submitting a grant application for \$75,000 under the County of Santa Barbara Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund. As shown in the table below, if both grants are awarded, it is estimated that an additional \$118,500 will be needed to complete project construction. Depending on the outcome of the grant applications, Creeks Division will return to Council to request any additional Measure B appropriations needed prior to seeking construction bids for the project.

Funding Source	Current Appropriations	Grant Requests	With Grants, additional needed	Total
Measure B	\$291,000		\$118,500	\$409,500
State Coastal Conservancy	\$275,500			\$275,500
Habitat Conservation Fund		\$200,000		\$200,000
Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund		\$75,000		\$75,000
Total	\$566,500	\$275,000	\$118,500	\$960,000

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office

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